

## SELF-INFLATING CHANGING PAD

### ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A self-inflating, collapsible changing pad includes an open-cell foam cushion unit; a  
5 flexible, airtight cover enclosing the cushion unit; and a self-inflation valve situated  
in the cover and communicating between the exterior and interior of the cover. The  
valve is operable to inflate and deflate the cushion unit, whereby, when the valve is  
open and the cushion unit is collapsed, the cushion unit is expanded by the flow of  
air into the valve in response to the pressure differential between the interior and the  
10 exterior of the cover. To collapse the changing pad, the valve is opened, allowing air  
to escape from the cushion unit as the changing pad is rolled into a substantially  
cylindrical configuration. The valve is then closed to maintain the changing pad in  
this collapsed state. To restore the changing pad to its inflated state, the valve is  
opened, whereby the elastic expansion of the foam material creates a pressure  
15 differential with respect to the atmospheric pressure, causing air to flow into the  
foam material, until the cushion unit is fully expanded.